

# Instructions on Submitting an Animal for West Nile Virus (WNV) Testing

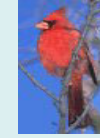
**Found Dead or Sick  
Bird or Mammal**

Go to [www.michigan.gov/westnilevirus](http://www.michigan.gov/westnilevirus)  
and fill out the WNV Sick and Dead Bird  
Observation Report

**Dead or Sick Bird is a Corvid**  
(Crow, Blue Jay or Raven)



**Dead or Sick Animal  
is a Non-Corvid Bird  
or Mammal**



Message From On-Line  
Reporting Form States:  
*This animal is needed for  
disease monitoring purposes.*

Message From On-Line  
Reporting Form States:  
*This animal is not needed for  
disease monitoring purposes.*

Bird is recently dead  
with no evidence of  
predator trauma\*.

Bird is not recently dead  
or has evidence of  
predator trauma\*.

This bird is needed for WNV testing. See  
the [county contact list](#) for the appropriate  
contact agency for your county and for  
instructions on submitting the bird. Not all  
counties will be participating in WNV  
testing.  
See below for animal handling instructions.

Bird is not needed for  
WNV Testing. See below  
for animal handling instructions.

Animal **found dead**  
with no prior observations.

Animal **observed sick**  
but **NOT** displaying **signs**  
of a **central nervous system**  
**disorder\*\*** prior to death.

Animal **observed sick**  
and displaying **signs of a**  
**central nervous system**  
**disorder\*\*** prior to death.

Animal will not be tested for WNV. You  
may, however, submit the animal to  
the DNR, Rose Lake Wildlife Disease  
Lab for diagnosis. Contact your local  
DNR Office for instructions. See below  
for animal handling instructions.

Animal is a  
white-tailed  
deer.

Animal is not a  
white-tailed deer.



**Contact the DNR RAP**  
**Line 1-800-292-7800**

This animal is needed for  
disease monitoring purposes.  
**Contact your [local DNR office](#)**  
for instructions on submitting  
the animal for WNV testing.  
See below for animal handling  
instructions.

## Animal Handling Instructions:

Instructions on disposal: Always avoid bare handed contact when handling dead animals. You may dispose of the animal by burying it or by disposing of it in your garbage, in a plastic bag.

Instructions on collection: Always avoid bare-handed contact when handling dead animals. Double bag the animal in plastic bags and refrigerate in your refrigerator or in a small cooler with ice. Do not allow the animal to freeze and keep the animal dry.

\*Recently dead animals appear to have died within the last 48 hours and have no evidence of decomposition (noxious odor, presence of small, white fly larvae (maggots). Animals with predator trauma may have open body cavities and exposed muscles.

\*\*Signs of a central nervous system disorder include: uncoordinated flying or walking, weakness, slow movement, tremors, abnormal head posture, odd behavior.